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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

Bret Alden Greenstein and  
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Enclosed are also:

38 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
 11 Pages of Claims  
 15 Sheet(s) of Drawings (informal)  
 2 A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
 Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

FOR	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee (\$690)
Total Claims	54	-20 =	34	X \$ 18 = \$612.00
Independent Claims	9	-3 =	6	X \$ 78 = \$468.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	0		X \$260	= \$
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